

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Specification

The Applicant has amended Page 1 of the specification by deleting its very first paragraph and replacing it with a Paragraph entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" to show the full continuity of this application. A replacement Declaration is enclosed. The Applicant submits that this amendment introduces no new matter.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-20 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of copending Application No. 10/728,926 in view of US Patent No. 5,500,661 to Matsubara.

Please find enclosed a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c).

Claims

The Examiner rejected claims 1-11 and 20 and objected to claims 12-19. By this amendment, claim 12 has been amended and claims 1-11 and 20 have been cancelled. Therefore claims 12-19 are pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12-19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 12 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 1 and has been rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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